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C O N F I D E N T I A L JIDDA 6409

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, SA, US, IS

SUBJ: ISRAELI PATROL BOAT IN SAUDI WATERS

1. ACTING FONMIN MANSURI CALLED CHARGE SEP 23 TO
RELATE THAT AN ISRAELI MILITARY PATROL BOAT HAD ENTERED
SAUDI COASTAL WATERS IN VICINITY OF MAQNA 2824N - 3445E AT 0900
LOCAL SEPTEMBER 20. THE BOAT FIRED TWICE "INTO THE AIR"
AND THEN WITHDREW FROM SAUDI WATERS.

2. MANSURI ASKED THAT EMBASSY BRING
THIS PROVOCATIVE (ISTIFZAAZIY) AND MEDDLESOME ACT (TAHARRUSHAAT)
TO THE ATTENTION OF THE US GOVERNMENT. HE SAID SAUDI ARABIA
"WAS NOT A CONFRONTATION STATE" AND HE SAW NO REASON FOR THE
ISRAELI BOAT'S ACTIONS.

3. HE DID NOT KNOW TO WHAT DISTANCE THE
ISRAELI VESSEL HAD APPROACHED SAUDI SHORES. SAG CLAIMED
12 MILE LIMIT, BUT THIS MEASURE HAD NO VALIDITY IN THOSE
CRAMPED WATERS. HE ADDED THAT THE ISRAELI BOAT WAS
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"CERTAINLY PAST THE MIDPOINT BETWEEN THE TWO SHORES."

4. COMMENT: MAQNA HAS FIGURED IN PAST SAUDI COMPLAINTS ABOUT
ISRAELI INCURSIONS OF SAUDI AIRSPACE.
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